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EXPAND ALBANIAN TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

On 21 December 1950, the Peqin-Elbasan railroad was inaugurated. It is the fourth railroad constructed by Albanian youth. With this line, 35.3 kilometers of new railroad have now been added to the Albanian transportation network. A total of 26,863 young people worked on the project.

Thanks to the Two-Year Plan and the aid of the USSR, many automobile roads and railroads have been constructed. The most important railroad is the Kashar Industrial Zone railroad, which joins the Stalin textile region with Durres. To build this 7-kilometer railroad, 1,923 young men and women worked voluntarily. By this railroad the important Stalin, textile region can be continuously supplied with raw materials.

The government is now planning to build new local and national roads, as well as to improve existing ones. In addition to the Peqin-Elbasan and the Kashar Industrial Zone railroads and the Shemeri-Kolgecaj automobile road, the Two-Year Plan calls for a number of intensive improvements of roads joining regions in which important industrial and agricultural enterprises are located. For example, the Memaliaj Mine in the Patos region, the Krrabes Mine, the Bulgizes Mine, and others have been connected with the main road. During 1949 - 1950, 30.885 kilometers of this type of road were opened, not including the 8.4-kilometer Tepelene-Memaliaj road, the 13-kilometer Shemeri-Kolgecaj road, and many others. Many roads were improved in the Patos region, joining that center with producing areas.

Besides the construction of new roads, special attention has been paid to the improvement and care of national roads which had been badly damaged by heavy traffic. For this reason, the streets of the larger cities, such as Tirana, Durres, Valona, etc., have been surfaced with two layers of asphalt, as have the highways that connect these cities. The total area of resurfacing was 774,000 square meters. During the same period, 2,400 kilometers of other roads were surfaced, for which more than 132 million lek were spent.

During the Two-Year Flan period, 285,292,000 lek have been spent for road building. In 1950, 50 million lek more were spent for road construction than in 1948.

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